

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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### **REPLY to Requirement for Restriction under 37 C.F.R. § 1.142(a)**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of February 13, 2007 Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, **Group I**. Claims 1-4 are believed to encompass the elected invention.

### **REMARKS**

It is respectfully pointed out that there are five (5), not four, claims pending. Claim 4 is, except for its dependency on claim 2, identical in recitation to claim 3, and thus encompasses Group I. (It is pending claim 5 that appears to be drawn to the Group II subject matter as identified in the Office action.)

Favorable action by the Examiner at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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